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SUBJ: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 144, AUGUST 24, 1977
(SALT TWO - 1367)

1. KARPOV AND KLOSSON BOTH TABLED NEW LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE
II.5. AFTER DISCUSSION, KARPOV ACCEPTED US VERSION. TEXT
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS AND SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH
MULTIPLE INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE REENTRY VEHICLES (MIRVS)
ARE ALL LAUNCHERS OF THE TYPES DEVELOPED AND TESTED FOR
LAUNCHING ICBMS OR SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS. END TEXT.

2. PARPOV TABLED, AND KLOSSON ACCEPTED, NEW LANGUAGE FOR
ASSOCIATED AGREED STATEMENT, WHICH REPLACES ACRONYM "MIRVS"
WITH "TWO OR MORE INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE REENTRY VEHICLES."
TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT ICBMS AND SLBMS
EQUIPPED WITH MRVS ARE ICBMS AND SLBMS OF THE TYPES WHICH
HAVE BEEN FLIGHT TESTED WITH TWO OR MORE INDEPENDENTLY
TARGETABLE REENTRY VEHICLES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT
THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN FLIGHT TESTED WITH A SINGLE REENTRY

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VEHICLE OR WITH MULTIPLE REENTRY VEHICLES WHICH ARE NOT
INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE. AS OF THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF
THE AGREEMENT, SUCH ICBMS AND SLBMS ARE: FOR THE UNION OF
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, RS-16, RS-18, RS-20 ICBMS AND
RSM-50 SLBM; AND FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MINUTEMAN
III ICBM AND POSEIDON C-3 SLBM. END TEXT.

3. THE SIDES EXCHANGED OFFICIAL ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TEXTS OF AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE XVI.3, CONFIRMING PREVIOUS AGREEMENT ON PENALTY.

4. KLOSSON SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF SOVIET VIEW ON DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND SOVIET TEXTS FOR ARTICLE III.1, I.E., BETWEEN "FROM THE DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE," AND "UPON ENTRY INTO FORCE." KARPOV STATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT OBLIGATIONS TO LIMIT AGGREGATE TO 2,400 AND LATER TO A LOWER AGGREGATE BOTH BEGIN ON SPECIFIC DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE XI IN TURN SPECIFIES TIME PERIODS DURING WHICH SIDES MUST ACUTALLY IMPLEMENT THESE OBLIGATIONS. KARPOV ARGUED SOVIET PHRASE "UPON ENTRY INTO FORCE" WAS BETTER EXPRESSION OF THIS POINT. KLOSSON THEN TABLED NEW US LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE III.1, ADOPTING SOVIET "UPON ENTRY."

5. KLOSSON TABLED NEW LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE III.2, TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES TO REDUCE, FROM OCTOBER 1, 1979, THE NUMBER OF ITS STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS ARTICLE TO AN AGGREGATE NUMBER NOT TO EXCEED 2,160, AND THEREAFTER TO LIMIT SUCH ARMS TO THAT AGGREGATE NUMBER. END TEXT.

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TO LIMIT," WHICH WOULD PREVENT SIDE FROM REDUCING THEN REBUILDING ARMS.

6. RECALLING RECENT EXCHANGES IN DRAFTING GROUP, KARPOV SAID SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO DROP ANY MENTION OF "DEPLOYED" IN II.5 AND ASSOCIATED AGREED STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, SOVIETS WANTED MENTION MADE OF ARTICLE VI. HE TABLED PARAGRAPH, "TO TAKE WHATEVER FORM US WISHED," WHICH STATES THAT INCLUSION IN AGGREGATE OF LAUNCHERS DEFINED IN ARTICLE II.5 SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VI. KLOSSON

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